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Grant of house-sites for Adi-Dravidas of Ambattur.

*199 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravidas of Ambattur, Saidapet taluk, had already applied to the Labour Tahsildar, Saidapet, Chingleput district, for granting them house-sites in survey No. 438 in the village;

(b) whether it is a fact that the matter has been under correspondence for the past two and a half years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the caste people of the village are strongly opposed to the assignment;

(d) whether the survey field No. 438 applied for house-sites is far away from caste quarters;

(e) at what stage the matter is at present; and

(f) whether the Government are aware that the depressed classes of Ambattur village suffer badly for want of house-sites?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter was considered and dropped in 1923. It was taken up for reconsideration in 1924.

(c) Yes.

(d) The field is at a distance of about 300 yards from caste quarters.

(e) The subject is under the consideration of the Collector of Chingleput.

(f) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"In view of the hardship felt by the people, will Government be pleased to direct the Collector to dispose of the matter as early as possible?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Yes, Sir."

Forests.

Grazing ground for cattle in Varadalampet village.

*200 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Forest Department recently adjusted about 1,000 acres of cultivable land in the No. 71 Varadalampet village in Vellore taluk, North Arcot district;

(b) whether it is a fact that in consequence the ryots of the village are left without any grazing ground for their cattle;

(c) whether the three reserves, viz., Nellimalai, Arasampattu and Peranamalai, are quite adjacent to and practically form boundary of ryots' patta lands and are situated within a distance of one or one and a half furlongs of the village of Varadalampet;

(d) whether the ryots of the above village are being at present put to considerable inconvenience by reason of their being hemmed in by reserve forests and also the absence of grazing land for their cattle;

(e) whether grazing permits given for one 'block' are not still allowed to be available for other blocks in the same range, although three blocks of the reserve forest surround the village on all sides;